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FORMER PRAIRIE VILLAGE SWIM COACH ADMITS HE TRIED TO TALK WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL INTO HAVING SEX

Kansas City, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Craig Ivancic**, 30, Prairie Village, Kan., has pleaded guilty to one count of using a telephone to attempt to persuade a minor to engage in sex with him. Ivancic entered the plea Jan. 10, 2005 before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber in Kansas City, Kan.

In his plea, Ivancic admitted that while he was the coach of the Kansas City Blazers Swim Team he had contact with a Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force officer, Angie Wilson, who was posing as a 14-year-old female who lived in Clay County, Mo. From Aug. 30, 2004 through Sept. 9, 2004, Ivancic had daily contact with the agent using multiple means of communication including his cell phone's text messaging and over the Internet via computer. During these communications he expressed interest in a sexual relationship with the agent, believing that the agent was a minor.

On Sept. 8, 2004, Ivancic asked if he could travel from his home in Prairie Village, Kan., to the minor's residence in Clay County, Mo., on Sept. 9, 2004 while her parents would be out of town. He stated he wanted to engage in sex and he would bring condoms. Agents watched him leave his home, stop to buy flowers and then drive to the residence where he believed the minor was living. He was arrested there and officers took from him a box of condoms and a bottle of lubricant.

In his plea, Ivancic also admitted telling investigators that he had sent four images of his penis over his cell phone to the agent who was posing as a minor. He further admitted he had struck up a relationship with another minor female and had engaged in sex with her four times during 2003.

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Sentencing is set for 3 p.m. March 28, 2005. The charge carries a sentence of not less than five years and not more than 30 years in federal prison and fine up to \$250,000. Melgren commended the work of the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger, who is prosecuting.